(a) whether the Mental Health Act, 1987 has been notified; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay in notifying the Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D K THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Does not arise

Indo-China Co-Operation in Education

4540 SHRI R SURENDER REDDY Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether India and China have signed a protocol in the sphere of education

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether the Government have agreed to give special concession to Chinese students on reciprocal basis and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The salient features of the Protocol on Cooperation in the filed of Education signed on 27th February 1992 are as follows

(i) Exchange of experience in the fields of Education including Education Policy, Education Planning & Administration, Basic Education, Adult Literacy and Continuing Education, Vocational Education, High Eduction and Special Education

(ii) Institution to Institution linkages in the field of Social Sciences, Chinese and Hindi Language and Literature, Buddhist Studies and Technical Education

(iii) Increase in the number of scholarships from 17 at present to 25 by 1993

(IV) Exchange of textbooks and audio-visual material

(v) Mutual recogniation of degrees, diplomas and certificates

(c) No, Sir

(d) Does not arise

Procurement Price of Rice and Paddy in andaman and Nicobar Islands

5441 SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state

(a) the procurement price of rice and paddy during 1990-91 in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and

(b) whether the same price has got corresponding increase in accordance with the fixation of procurement price in the mainland?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) (a) and (b) The procurement prices of padddy are uniform for the whole country The minimum support prices of paddy were fixed at Rs 205 00 per quintal for common Rs 215 00 per quintal for fine and Rs 225 00 per quintal for superfine varieties Since, there was no levy on rice in Andaman and Nicobar Union Territory, no procurement prices of levy-rice were fixed for these areas